

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

March 4, 2003

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**FROM: G. DANIEL OJEDA, Director  
Architecture & Engineering Department**

**JAMES A. FELTEN, Public Health Program Administrator  
Department of Public Health**

**SUBJECT: DEVORE ANIMAL SHELTER – NEW SEWER LATERAL – ADVERTISE FOR  
BIDS**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve plans and specifications, and authorize the Architecture and Engineering Department to advertise for bids for the Devore Animal Shelter – Sewer Lateral.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Devore Animal Shelter has three septic systems, which have been in use since the shelter's opening in 1985. Two of the waste systems serve the three kennel buildings that house the impounded dogs, and the third serves the administration building. The two systems were originally designed to accommodate the animal waste of approximately 5,700 dogs per year. However, due to the population growth in the San Bernardino County valley and desert areas, the shelter is experiencing severe overcrowding. Records show that approximately 11,000 dogs are being impounded annually. This is severely taxing the septic systems. The two septic systems that serve the kennels are on the verge of total failure. The septic tanks are being pumped up to four times a month. Because of limited space, replacement of the existing systems with a larger septic system is not a viable option.

On April 10, 2001, the Board approved an architect services agreement with Pickard Architects that included designing a sewer lateral to accommodate the increased flows from the current dog population and any future expansions to the shelter. Based on the contractor's design, the sewer line is to be connected to the City of San Bernardino's sewer main. Because the city's sewer main is at a higher elevation than the shelter, a new lift station will be provided to pump the effluent through the new line. This project will provide for the new sewer lateral needed to replace the existing failing septic systems, and accommodate the current animal population and any future expansions. To facilitate connection to the City of San Bernardino's sewer line, the County agrees to any future annexation to the City of San Bernardino that includes the property of Solid Waste Management and the animal shelter for a total of approximately 60 acres. The future annexation requirement by the city of San Bernardino is a standard procedure applicable to the public or private sector.

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The Architecture & Engineering Department received written approval from the San Bernardino Municipal Water Department to tie into their sewer main. This was contingent upon the City's receipt from the County of a one-time sewer connection fee of \$97,234.50, recording of executed copies of the Irrevocable Agreement to Annex, and the City's review and approval of the construction drawings.

On February 4, 2003, the Board authorized the Architecture & Engineering Department to execute the Irrevocable Agreement to Annex and approved the sewer connection fee. A&E executed and submitted the Irrevocable Agreement to Annex to the City as well as the construction drawings, which were both later recorded and approved by the City.

Plans and specifications are on file in the Architecture & Engineering Department.

This project is consistent with a County Administrative Office approved Capital Improvement Program request.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item has been coordinated with Eli Montoya, Department Contract Compliance Designee on February 19, 2003; reviewed by Public Health (Dan Avera, Chief of Environmental Health Services) on February 20, 2003; the County Administrative Office (Lynn Chacon, Administrative Analyst) on February 20, 2003; and approved as to legal form by County Counsel (Jean Basle, Deputy County Counsel) on February 20, 2003.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** This project was originally funded in the amount of \$780,000 (construction - \$561,600; contingency - \$54,600; project management/inspection/sewer fees - \$163,800) in the FY 2001/2002 Capital Improvement Program with expenditures of \$98,766 resulting in a carry over of \$681,234 to FY 2002/03. Final budget adoption by the Board on June 25, 2002 increased appropriations for this project by \$200,000 and the total balance available to \$881,234. The funding source is the County General Fund.

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with A&E's proposal and recommends this action based on the current situation that the septic system is on the verge of failure and is unable to handle the increased amounts of waste. Delays in this project will result in the excessive on-going cost of pumping the septic tanks.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** Fifth.

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